

FLORISTS ARE GUESTS AT BIG CRAB FEAST

Edward S. Schmid Is Host at Gathering.

FAMILIAR FACES AROUND THE TABLE

President Kramer and William Gude Perform Behind Curtain.

If you want to make a florist grin to-day just say "crab" and emit a rasping, crackling crablike noise.

More than sixty of them—the florists, for there were more than 500 crabs present—gathered last night at Eagles' Hall, the invited guests of Edw. S. Schmid, whose invitations decorated with a flattering photograph of his crabbing.

The florists were on hand early. They also left early—this morning. When the last one had made his exodus a husky, dusky crab handler, who had watched the supply dwindle all night, kicked two empty barrels out into the back yard and said these words:

"Dey certainly is some crab eaters in dat crowd."

With all that, however, there was a half barrel of them left and Mr. Schmid pleaded in vain that the late stragglers should "clean 'em all up."

Like Boiler Factory.

When the hard shell feast was at its height people in the neighborhood of Sixth and E streets came to the windows to ascertain if a boiler factory had suddenly opened in their midst. President Kramer was deafened almost by the steady patter of some fifty small oak sticks, with which the florists played a constant tattoo upon the red legs and back of a defenseless crab.

William F. Gude, who sells flowers and acts as president of the Chamber of Commerce in the daytime, ate like a veteran. He and Kramer were missed at one time during the feast, and much was the wonder thereof. Both were discovered back behind the curtains, in an improvised kitchen. Both had a crab in the hand.

George Cooke arrived late. He found the source of crab supply, too. A moment later a bunch of young and more impetuous florists at the rear end of the hall were singing:

"Cooke's gone to the kitchen, hooray, hooray."

Host Schmid, whose specialty is birds and not crabs, brought as a mascot for the occasion a most diminutive Brazilian monkey, neatly attached to the end of a string. The mascot joined right in, ate a little crab meat and lapped up a little beer, then dozed until it was all over.

"How many crabs did you have sent up from Annapolis?" somebody asked Mr. Schmid.

"A little more than 500," he said, winking.

Five Crabs Each.

That would make everybody's pro rata about five crabs each, and inasmuch as some of the florists complained of feeling badly or of having had too much dinner, and professed an inability to put away more than two or three—well, what's the use telling on those who doubled up.

All the old familiar faces were seen about the "crabbed" board. George C. Shaffer, O. A. C. Oehlmer, William Marcher, Peter Bisset, J. L. Carberry, John Robertson, Adolph Minder, W. W. Kimmel, G. E. Anderson, and dozens of others who never fail to respond when the interest of the club is concerned, greeted the crabs.

Following the feast Al. V. Griffith entertained the crowd with imitations, and was repeatedly encouraged. So lifelike was one of Mr. Griffith's studies—that imitating a dog—that an answering screech came from a cat on the sidewalk. Prof. Victor was also present with a laugh-

HOW THEY WERE SERVED.

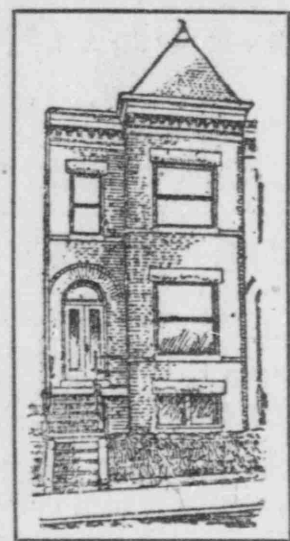
Hard Shell Crabs (Schneller's Lynn Haven—Kramer's Pet).
Crab Salad (Hydrangea).
Deviled Crabs (Scarlet Sage).
Soft Shell Crabs (Love in the Mist).
Sandwiches (My Maryland).
Crackers (Snapdragon).
Tomatoes (Poinsetta).
Olives (Mignonette).
Pickles (Sprengerit).
Beer (Victoria Regina).
Soft Drinks (Popples).
Cigars (Glandiosa).
Toothpicks (Cacti Haukennus).
Napkins (Caladium Esculentum).

provoking monologue. The florists then adjourned to the auditorium upstairs, where for an hour they were entertained by John L. Reh's Diamond Errand Stock Company of Georgetown. Tom Yost and Miss Nellie Luckie, playing at one of the local theaters this week, dropped in about midnight with a song and dance or two.

Preceding the onslaught upon the crabs, there was a short business meeting. On request of President Kramer, William F. Gude outlined the plans for the Florists Club's participating in the Chamber of Commerce automobile parade, and said that the Chamber had heartily welcomed the proposition of the club to participate and to offer a prize. Mr. Kramer asked the florists to begin now to boost the annual flower show, which takes place in November. The following committee was named to take charge of the automobile parade exhibits, and also to manage, advertise, and finance the annual flower show: George Cooke, William F. Gude, George C. Shaffer, A. Gude, E. Mayberry, Edw. Schmid, William Marcher, Peter Bisset, John Robertson, and O. A. C. Oehlmer.

CHOLERA IN ANTWERP.

ANTWERP, Sept. 8.—Three cases of Asiatic cholera are officially reported here, one of which was fatal. The sanitary board is taking urgent precautions.



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SEEK THE REMOVAL OF GARBAGE STATION

Southeast Citizens' Request Soon May Be Granted.

In inviting bids for the removal of garbage, ashes and refuse for the next fiscal year, the Commissioners will endeavor to secure the removal of the garbage transfer station at New Jersey avenue and K streets southeast, concerning which complaint is made by residents of Southeast Washington.

From this point the garbage is loaded on trains and sent outside the District. In inviting the next proposals, the location of the transfer station outside of the city limits will be considered.

"The south end of the Highway bridge is an available section, but it is realized," said Commissioner West today, "that if this site should be selected it would add considerably to the cost of hauling, while there would be some objection to the constant procession of garbage wagons over the bridge."

Several problems will have to be solved, and it is probable Commissioner West and Superintendent Wood will visit a number of cities, including Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo, Cincinnati, and Pittsburgh for the purpose of investigating the methods of collection.

The present contract for the removal of garbage, ashes, and refuse expires June 30. Bids for renewal will be invited shortly after January 1, so that the amount necessary to meet the obligation, may be included in the District appropriation bill.

COLONIAL DWELLING PURCHASED FOR \$4,350

The colonial residence now being completed at 135 Bryant street by M. H. Bray has just been sold through the office of Shannon & Loeche to a Government official, whose name is being withheld. It is understood the consideration in the transaction was \$4,350.

HOMES! HOMES!

For Sale—132 Rhode Island Avenue N. W.—

Facing government parking, 6 rooms and bath, hardwood finish, hot water heat, rear porch, beautifully papered; only \$4,850. (Key at office.)

For Sale—1928 First St. N. W.—

2-story 8-room brick, hot water heat, double rear porches, 2 1/2 rooms, 15-ft. alley, beautifully finished; only \$5,750. (Key at office.)

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CHICKENS IN THE PAN SIZZLE ON ALL SIDES

Sound Is a Music in Many Households Since a Decree of the Commissioners Makes It Cheaper to Eat Than Keep Them.

"The sound of chicken frying in the pan," is a music heard all over Washington.

Chicken dinners are in vogue. Households which heretofore have regarded "chicken legs" as a delicacy, only to be served at a Sunday dinner or on the occasion of the visit of the minister, now have chicken twice a day. In some instances the children are becoming tired of "drumsticks," and are demanding bacon.

There's a reason! The new regulation prevents the keeping of chickens in the city within twenty-five feet of an adjoining dwelling house "used for human habitation." In the suburbs the distance is increased to fifty feet.

The penalty is a fine of from \$2 to \$10, and each day the chickens are kept in violation of the regulations is regarded as a separate offense. Consequently it has become more of a luxury to keep chickens than to eat them.

A hundred or more citizens have applied at the Health Department for permission to distribute their chicken dinners, the regulations prohibiting the keeping of fowls on the premises for consumption longer than twenty-four hours.

The officials have agreed to this concession, and sufficient time will be given to the applicants to eat their present flocks. Inspectors are now engaged in estimating how long it will take to consume a flock of twenty chickens, and the probation period will be based upon their conclusions.

With the disappearance of the last fowl, the regulations will be strictly enforced.

FAMOUS MURDERER DIES IN PRISON CELL

PARIS, Sept. 8.—Vere St. Leger Gould is dead at Calne, where he was transported for life after a sentence of death was commuted. With his wife, Gould was convicted at Monte Carlo for the murder of Emma Levin to obtain her jewelry. His wife, who was transported with him, died in July, 1908.

COLONEL FOX KILLED BY FALL FROM AUTO

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Colonel Reuben E. Fox, secretary of the Republican State committee, is dead here as the result of falling from an automobile. Colonel Fox stood up to put on a coat just as his driver turned out to pass another machine. There was no collision but Colonel Fox toppled out and was killed.

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5c Mustard Sardines, new goods, per can. 2 1/2c	15c Force, per pkg. 9c
25c Cottolene, 2-lb. can, per can. 20c	20c Walter Baker's Chocolate, 1/2-pound cake. 16c
50c Cottolene, 4-lb. can, per can. 40c	20c Walter Baker's Cocoa, 1/2-lb. can. 17c

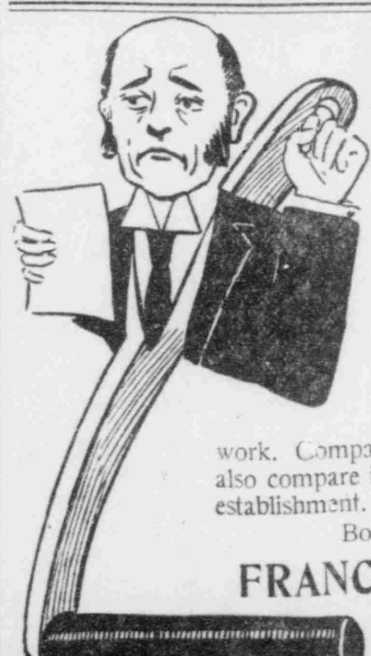
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Fairy Soap, per cake. 4c	Early June Peas, new pack, per can. 8c
Pearline, per pkg. 4c	Cereta Sifted Little Gem Peas, per can. 15c
P. & G. Lenox Soap, 3 cakes for 10c	Good Maryland Corn, per can. 6c
P. & G. Small Ivory Soap, per cake. 4c	
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CROP FAILURE SURE ON EASTERN SHORE

Lack of Rain Ruins Corn and Tomatoes—Canning Is Affected.

SALISBURY, Md., Sept. 8.—The canning season in the lower peninsula this year promises to be almost an entire failure, the crop of sugar corn in Wicomico and Dorchester counties being the poorest ever known in the history of the State. The large packers of corn in Wicomico report that they will not have one-third of a pack; one, whose output usually runs around 50,000 cases a season, expects to put up only 10,000 cases this year. The drought, of course, has been the cause of this great shortage.

The outlook for tomatoes a week or ten days ago was splendid and the first pickings were of fine quality and of abundant quantity. While tomatoes can stand a considerable drought, unless rain comes soon the dry rot now affecting many plants will very materially affect the second picking, making this crop also one of the shortest for years.

MINISTER, AGED 74, TAKES BRIDE OF 22

Virginia Couple Go to Baltimore for Fear of Objections at Home.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 8.—The Rev. Elhanan Wakefield, a white-haired Methodist minister, seventy-four years old, of Fairfax, Va., and Miss Ida Hanes, an attractive young woman of twenty-two, arrived here this morning, obtained a marriage license, and went to the home of the Rev. William Sheridan to be married. Mr. Sheridan was out of town. After some delay they found the Rev. John K. K. who married them. After questioning the couple, he said he was satisfied it was a case of true love. The aged bridegroom said they came to Baltimore to be married to avoid trouble at home.

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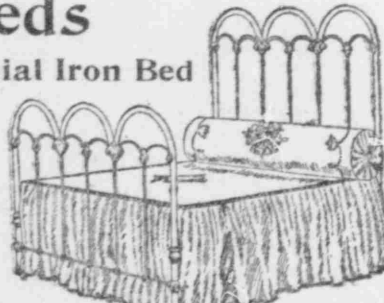
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